

February 20, 2024

Mr. John Bobrek, PE 100 Conifer Hill Drive, Unit 204 Danvers, Massachusetts 01923

RE: Sight Distance Analysis

Proposed Lucas Lane, North Reading, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Bobrek:

At your request, we have performed a sight distance analysis for of the proposed intersection of Haverhill Street and Lucas Lane in North Reading, Massachusetts. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation Project Development and Design Manual (PDDM) provides the relevant standards for sight distance for vehicles turning left from a side street or driveway. The governing standard for this situation is found in Exhibit 3-11, Sight Triangle Case B¹ (attached).

We collected speed data for Haverhill Street on November 29, 2023. The data indicated an 85 percentile speed of 31 MPH. According to MassDOT standards, the appropriate speed for analysis of design criteria is 30 MPH.

Using a design speed of 30 MPH, the required intersection sight distance for a safe left turn maneuver from Lucas Lane to Haverhill Street southbound exceeds 335 feet. The corresponding required intersection sight distance for a safe right turn maneuver to Haverhill Street northbound exceeds 290 feet. As can be seen from Figure 1, the available intersection sight distance exceeds the required sight distance for both maneuvers. As a result, we have determined that the proposed intersection of Haverhill Street at Lucas Lane will have adequate sight distance.

STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE. EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS.

¹ Massachusetts Highway Department, Project Development & Design Guide, 2006

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. We appreciate this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

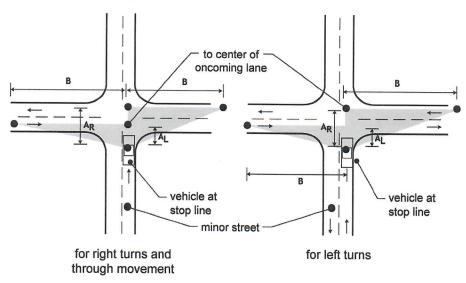
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Exhibit 3-11 Sight Triangle Case B Departure Sight Triangles



Sight Triangle Legs: Case B – Stop Control on Cross Street

Length of Sight Triangle Legs (feet)

Major Street Design Speed (mph)				
	Minor Street for Vehicles Approaching From Right (A _R , feet)	Minor Street for Vehicles Approaching From Left (A _L , feet)	Major Street For Left Turns (B, feet)	Major Street for Right Turns or Through (B, feet)
15	32.5	20.5	170	145
20	32.5	20.5	225	195
25	32.5	20.5	280	240
30	32.5	20.5	335	290
35	32.5	20.5	390	335
40	32.5	20.5	445	385
45	32.5	20.5	500	430
50	32.5	20.5	555	480
55	32.5	20.5	610	530
60	32.5	20.5	665	575
65	32.5	20.5	72 0	625
70	32.5	20.5	775	6 7 0
75	32.5	20.5	830	720

Sight triangle legs shown are for passenger car crossing or turning into a two-lane street, with grades (all approaches) 3 percent or less. For other grades and for other major street widths, recalculate using AASHTO *Green Book* formulas.

Source: A Policy on Geometric Design of Streets and Highways, AASHTO, Washington DC, 2004. Chapter 3 Elements of Design

